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1. CHINA

(NOTE FOR USLO: 10/19, 10/20 ARTICLES BY WSTAR'S BRADSHER EXCERPTED IN INDOCHINA SECTION OF THIS SUMMARY MAY BE OF INTEREST TO HAK AND PARTY).

UPI (PEKING) REPORTS HAK AND TENG HSIAO-PING BEGAN TALKS MONDAY, LAUGHING OFF SUNDAY NIGHT DINNER DISPUTE OVER DETENTE -- SECRETARY OBSERVING THAT ARGUMENT GIVES PRESS "SOMETHING TO WRITE ABOUT," TENG SAYING "DOESN'T MATTER EVEN IF WE QUARREL A BIT." US DIPLOMATS ALSO PLAYED DOWN SUNDAY DEBATE, CONTENDING WOULD HAVE BEEN SURPRISING HAD PRC FAILED CRITICIZE NEW FRIEND US FOR GETTING TOO UNCLASSIFIED

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CLOSE TO OLD FOE, SOVIET (REUTER, NYT; WP'S GREENWAY WSTAR, BALT NA 10/20).

WP FRONT-PAGES UPI PHOTO OF BOTH SIDES SEATED AT GREAT

HALL TABLE, HAK FLANKED BY BUSH, HABIB, GLEYSTEN.

REUTER (NYT) REPORTS SUBSTANCE OF TWO-HOUR FIRST SESSION OF TALKS REMAINED SECRET, US OFFICIALS SAYING IT COVERED INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, WAS CORDIAL, FRANK. NEITHER US NOR CHINESE SOURCES GAVE INFO ABOUT LATER ROUND OF TALKS AFTER LUNCHEON, APART FROM REVEALING IT LASTED TWO AND QUARTER HOURS.

GREENWAY, IN PEKING, FINDS NO INDICATION SUNDAY NIGHT'S EXCHANGES HAVE SOURED SINO-US TALKS -- BOTH SIDES "HAVE GONE OUT OF THEIR WAY PRIVATELY TO STRESS" THAT, WHATEVER THEIR DIFFERENCES, IN THEIR INTERESTS TO CONTINUE IMPROVE RELATIONSHIP. NOTING THAT MONDAY PEOPLE'S DAILY RAN FRONT PAGE PICTURE OF MAO MEETING WIFE OF MALI HEAD OF STATE, GREENWAY SEES QUESTION RAISED WHETHER HAK WILL VISIT CHAIRMAN THIS TRIP (EXCERPTED IN PHINQ).

AP (PEKING) NOTES AT BOTTOM OF PD PAGE CARRYING PHOTO OF MAO AND MALI VISITORS WAS ONE THREE TIMES SMALLER OF TENG GREETING KISSINGERS. ADDS BOTH US, CHINESE OFFICIALS, SAID THEY SAW NO DISRESPECT IN INCIDENT. ARTICLE BANNER SAYS HAK ATTENDED REVOLUTIONARY OPERA, "THE AZALEA MOUNTAIN," FOLLOWING TALKS WITH TENG, WAS SEEN FALLING INTO OCCASIONAL NAP DURING PERFORMANCE (NYDN).

SUN REPRINTS NYT CONTRAST OF PRC, SOVIET NEGOTIATION TACTICS AS PROVIDED NEWSMEN BY SENIOR US OFFICIAL BEFORE HAK-TENG TALKS: CHINESE WILL TAKE ONE POSITION, NEVER CHANGE, WHILE SOVIETS WILL HAGGLE ENDLESSLY TO SHOW COLLEAGUES THEY HAVE MADE GOOD BARGAIN. CHINESE DID NOT RAISE AGAIN MONDAY CRITICISM OF US-SOVIET DETENTE; AS NEGOTIATORS, CHINESE CREATE IMPERSONAL ATMOSPHERE, KEEP OTHERS GUESSING, OFF-BALANCE; REVEAL NOTHING ABOUT THEIR OWN INTERNAL POWER SITUATION IN PROCESS; GIVE NO ADVANCE NOTICE OF WHO WILL DO NEGOTIATING -- AND UNCLASSIFIED

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UNTIL EACH DAY ENDS, HAK NOT TOLD WHETHER THERE WILL BE MEETING NEXT DAY.

WSTAR'S DORNBERG, IN MUNICH, CONTENTS SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS "OBVIOUSLY AT LOW EBB" -- IN OPINION SOME OBSERVERS, ARE NOW WORSE THAN AT ANY TIME SINCE USSURI RIVER MINI-WAR SIX YEARS AGO.

PRO-PRC HK NEWSPAPER WEN WEI PO REPORTED MONDAY PEKING'S OIL RESERVES ARE CERTAINLY HIGHER THAN THOSE OF ME, WHICH ESTIMATED AT 60 PERCENT OF WORLD'S TOTAL DEPOSITS. PAPER WAS QUOTING SPEECH BY CHICAGO U HISTORY PROFESSOR, DR. HO PING-TI, GIVEN AT HK POLYTECHNIC SUNDAY. HO

SAID INFO SUPPLIED HIM BY SENIOR PRC OFFICIAL IN PEKING
LAST YEAR (CSM).

LAT'S LAMBERT (10/19) IN GABARONE, REPORTS THAT IN SORT
OF REVERSE ON HK--WHERE FOREIGN EXPERTS TRY KEEP EYE ON
PRC--PEKING HAS OPENED BOTSWANA EMBASSY TO TRY KEEP EYE
ON WHAT'S GOING ON IN SAFRICA. OBSERVERS BELIEVE CHINESE
IN BOTSWANA TO SUGGEST MAO'S REVOLUTIONARY/SELF-DEVELOPMENT
CONCEPTS MIGHT BE BENEFICIAL FOR ALL AFRICA.

2. JAPAN

SUN'S SEIDEN NOTES ONE CONCRETE RESULT OF EMPEROR'S VISIT
TO US -- JAPAN'S SECRET SERVICE ORDERED STAND TALL, WEAR
COLORED SHIRTS, BRIGHT TIES, BE STRIKINGLY VISIBLE, LIKE
USSS COUNTERPARTS, TO LET EVERYONE KNOW THEY ARE THERE.
MINIMUM HEIGHT FOR NEW APPLICANTS SET AT 5FT, 10.5 INCHES.

IN SECOND OF SERIES ON ECONOMY, CULLISON (JOC) IN TOKYO
SAYS JAPANESE BUSINESSMEN BELIEVE RECOVERY DEPENDS ON
EXPORTS, BUT THESE HAMPERED BY EVER-RISING LABOR COSTS,
SHARP COMPETITION FROM SK, TAIWAN, HK. BUSINESS LEADERS
RECOGNIZE NEED TO SWITGH FROM LABOR-INTENSIVE TO
KNOWLEDGE-INTENSIVE PRODUCTS, BUT WILL TAKE TIME. MEANTIME,
SEE JAPAN CAUGHT IN SQUEEZE WHICH HAMPERS FULL-SCALE
RECOVERY OF YEN.

CULLISON ALSO NOTES JAPAN AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO EXPORT
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TWO MILLION TONS STEEL TO PRC IN AUG-JAN HALF. PRICE
EXPECTED BE IN NEIGHBORHOOD OF WORLD LEVELS.

CORPORATE EXECS DOUBT JAPAN PULLING OUT OF WORST RECESSION
SINCE WW II. SUMITOMO BANK CHAIRMAN CHAIRMAN SHOZO
HOTTA TAKES ISSUE WITH GOJ FORECAST OF 2.2 PERCENT
GNP GROWTH IN JFY 75 (AP, CHITRIB).

TOY MAKERS PROMISE NATL POLICE AGENCY TO STOP PRODUCING
MODEL GUNS THAT CAN BE CONVERTED INTO REAL WEAPONS.
FOLLOWS NPA COMPLAINT ABOUT INCREASE IN CRIMES
COMMITTED WITH TOY GUNS RE-WORKED TO FIRE LIVE BULLETS
(UPI, PHINQ).

JOC (LONDON) CITES RADIO AUSTRALIA REPORT THAT MAF
ANNOUNCED ADDITIONAL 20,000 MT BEEF IMPORT QUOTA FOR
BALANCE OF YEAR, TO HELP RESTRAIN LOCAL BEEF PRICE
INCREASES.

CROWN PRINCESS MICHIKO CELEBRATED 41ST BIRTHDAY MONDAY
(UPI, BALTO N-A, 10/20).

FMC GIVES PARTIES ADDITIONAL SIX MONTHS TO COMPLETE
DECISION-MAKING PROCESS INVOLVING JAPANESE-FLAG LINER

CONTAINER SPACE AGREEMENT. MRS. BENTLY WITHDRAWS
FROM CASE, FOLLOWING CHARGE BY MARINE COOKS AND STEWARDS
UNION SHE PREJUDICED IN FAVOR OF AGREEMENT (JOC,
WASHINGTON).

3. KOREA

CSM CITES HAK SAYING IN TIME MAGAZINE INTERVIEW US
WOULD RECOGNIZE NK IF SOVIET OR PRC RECOGNIZED SK.

JAMESON (LAT 10/20) IN SEOUL REVIEWS PRES PARK'S
CAMPAIGN TO FORCE FAMILY-OWNED CONGLOMERATES TO GO
PUBLIC, ULTIMATELY LIMIT INDIVIDUAL OWNERSHIP IN
SINGLE COMPANY TO 30 PERCENT. SAYS PARK'S GOAL IS
TO MODERNIZE ECONOMIC INSTITUTIONS, IMPROVE CORPORATE
FINANCING, CREATE FULL-FLEDGED STOCK MARKET IN WHICH
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FOREIGN INVESTMENT WOULD BE PERMITTED, PERHAPS BY 1980.

JAMESON ALSO DESCRIBES HOW INTEGRATED STEEL MILL AT
POHANG CONFOUNDED EXPERTS BY PRODUCING 1.174 MILLION
TONS IN FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION, 1974; EXPORTED 30
PERCENT TO 22 NATIONS, EARNING 101 MILLION DOLS FOREX.
PLANT BEING EXPANDED TO 2.6 MILLION TON CAPACITY BY
NEXT JUNE, TARGET FOR 1981 RAISED TO 8.5 MILLION TONS.
JAPAN PROVIDED MOST EQUIPMENT, 160 MILLION DOLS
FINANCING; NIPPON STEEL, NIPPON KOKAN ACTED AS
CONSULTANTS.

4. AUSTRALIA

WAREHOUSES SAID BULGING WITH 705,000 MT OF WOOL, BOUGHT
AT SUPPORT PRICE OF THREE DOLS/KILO BY AUSTRALIAN WOOL
CORP TO KEEP 100,000 WOOL GROWERS FROM BANKRUPTCY.
BOUGHT 1.7 MILLION BALES OVER PAST YEAR, AT COST
508 MILLION DOLS (AP, GLOBE).

5. INDONESIA

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON ANNOUNCES AGREEMENT IMPORT
"SUBSTANTIAL VOLUMES" OF LOW SULPHUR OIL FROM PERTAMINA
OVER 10-YR PERIOD. PRICE NOT DISCLOSED, BUT SPOKESMAN
SAID WOULD BE TIED TO WORLD OIL PRICE ESCALATION
(WSJ, ROSEMEAD, CALIF).

6. HONG KONG

MASSIVE TRADE PROMOTION, CULTURAL EXHIBIT "AMERICAN

FORTNIGHT" OPENED SATURDAY IN HK, SPONSORED JOINTLY

BY ACC, AMCONSULATE. BOTH CONFIDENT RECESSION HAS TURNED
CORNER, EXPECT EFFORT TO STIMULATE 60 MILLION DOLS
IN SALES (UPI, WSTAR 10/20).

7. PAPUA-NEW GUINEA

THOUSANDS OF BOUGAINVILLE SECESSIONISTS DEMONSTRATED
IN ARAWA MONDAY AGAINST PNG GOVT. DEMANDED RESTORATION
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OF PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATION, SUSPENDED AFTER SEPT 1
DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE AS REPUBLIC OF NORTH
SOLOMONS" (REUTER, SUN).

8. THAILAND

THAI NARCOTICS POLICE SAY THEY CLOSING IN ON MAN BEHIND
ATTEMPT TO SMUGGLE OVER 21 MILLION DOLS WORTH HEROIN
INTO US. ALSO SAY INTERROGATION OF SPEC 5 JASPER MYRICK,
ARRESTED FRIDAY, WILL LEAD TO ARREST OF MANY OTHER DRUG
TRAFFICERS. DID NOT DISCLOSE WHETHER SUSPECT OTHER US
MILITARY OR THAIS (WSTAR 10/20).

NYT'S ANDELMAN IN BANGKOK NOTES ECOSOC NATURAL RESOURCES
COMM MEETING IN BANGKOK TO EXPLORE MEANS IMPROVE USE OF
ENERGY RESOURCES IN ASIAN RURAL AREAS, SUCH AS IMPROVED
KEROSENE STOVE. CITES UN OFFICIAL SAYING HIGH PRICE OF
OIL GOOD THING, BECAUSE FORCES NATIONS COME TO GRIPS
WITH WASTAGE NOW, WHICH OTHERWISE MIGHT NOT HAVE FACED
UNTIL TOO LATE.

INDOCHINA

REP MONTGOMERY (MISS) SAYS HANOI, PRG AGREE
50-60 AMCITS LEAVE SVN LATE OCT, EARLY NOV.
GROUP INCLUDES MISSIONARIES, DOS EMPLOYEES, SOME UNDER
HOUSE ARREST (WP; GLOBE). UNHCR STATES AMCITS, OTHER
FOREIGNERS STRANDED IN SVN TO BE REPATRIATED SHORTLY.
ADDS HAS AGREED FLY GROUP FROM HANOI IN RESPONSE PRG
REQUEST (NYT).

KINGSBURY SMITH (BOST HA10/15) REPORTS US-TRAINED
MONTAGNARDS STILL FIGHTING VC, NVA ACCORDING EUR
DIPLOMATS. REPORTS INDICATE NUMEROUS CLASHES IN
HIGHLANDS; ARMED RESISTANCE NOT SERIOUS THREAT TO
COMMUNIST CONTROL, BUT REFLECTS COURAGEOUS CHARACTER.
NOTES REPORTS THAT LARGE FORCE FORMER SVN RANGERS,
MARINES, PARATROOPS OPERATING IN DELTA.

CAMBODIAN BROADCAST SAYS CHILDREN TAKEN AWAY FROM PARENTS,

PLACED IN BOARDING SCHOOLS AT AGE 6. OFFICIAL BROADCASTS
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ALSO SAY SCHOOLCHILDREN IN LAOS, SVN RECEIVING NEW
"REVOLUTIONARY" EDUCATIONS THIS YR (WP).

SIMONS (WP) AT VIENTIANE REPORTS ARMS BEING SMUGGLED INTO
THAILAND FROM LAOS UNDER PL SUPERVISION. NOTES WEAPONS
ENTERING THAILAND FOR INSURGENCY FOR YRS, EXCEPT NOW
BEING DONE ON LARGER SCALE. INCREASE CAUSES CONCERN
TO W OBSERVERS, THAI MIL COMMANDERS, SINCE WORRIED NVN
MAY TURN ATTENTION TO THAILAND. POINTS OUT RELS BETWEEN
THAILAND, LAOS HAVE DETERIORATED SINCE PL TOOK OVER, WITH
HIGH PL OFFICIALS DENOUNCING THAIS MORE THAN US IN RECENT
PL ANNIVERSARY. SAYS LAO CP SEC GEN KAYSONE PHOMVIHAN
EMERGING AS MOST POWERFUL FIGURE IN COUNTRY, HAS CLOSE
LINKS TO NVN. STATES SOVIET MIL OFFICER RECENTLY CON-
FIRMED THAT 30-40,000 NVA IN LAOS; SOME SAID TO BE
BUILDING ROADS TO NVN PORTS TO REDUCE LAOTIAN RELIANCE
ON BANGKOK PORT. BELIEVES PL INTERESTED IN MAINTAINING
RELS WITH THAIS FOR AT LEAST SHORT RUN.

WESTMORELAND SAYS SET UP SECRET GROUP IN SAIGON TO STUDY
POSSIBILITY USE NUKES IN SVN, BUT WASHINGTON DISLIKED
IDEA, TERMINATED PROJECT (AP, LAT 10/19).

FALLOWS (GLOBE 10/19) DOES LENGTHY ARTICLE ON SCARS
LEFT BY VN WAR. BELIEVES EVENTUAL HERITAGE MAY BE
CLASS-WARFARE.

10. INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

ROZHON (SUN) REPORTS CAMBODIAN GROUP THAT RUNS HALFWAY
HOUSE FOR REFUGEES NEAR DC PETITIONED DOS TO USE VACANT
CAMBODIAN EMBASSY TO HOUSE REFUGEES. DOS OFFICIAL
BRIAN KIRKPATRICK SAYS THOUGHT GROUP LEADER UNDERSTOOD
PROPOSAL TURNED DOWN, SINCE IN ACCORDANCE VIENNA
CONVENTION BUILDING IS PROPERTY OF CAMBODIA.
JAMES ROSENTHAL OF DOS ADDS USG HAS ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY
FOR EMBASSY. GROUP LEADER NOTED FORMER KHMER AMBASSADOR
IN NY WORKING FOR GE, NOT DOING ANYTHING FOR REFUGEES.

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11. CHINA

LAT'S ELEGANT (10/19), IN TOKYO, OBSERVES HAK'S PURPOSE
IN PEKING OFFICIALLY IS BILLED AS MAKING PREPARATIONS

FOR FORD STATE VISIT LATER; HOWEVER, SECRETARY "OBVIOUSLY

IS MUCH TOO HIGH-POWERED TO BE ACTING MERELY AS A GLORIFIED ADVANCE MAN FOR THE PRESIDENT." VIEWS PURPOSE AS "EXPLORATORY," WITH MUCH STRESS ON "NUANCES," "MINUTE VARIATIONS." HOWEVER, THESE SUBTLE DISTINCTIONS COULD PROVE TO BE MAJOR." SEES NEW GROUP REPLACING MAO, CHOU, AND HAK'S PRIMARY CONCERN MUST BE TO SATISFY HIMSELF OF CONTINUITY OF PRESENT PRC POLICIES. FINDS IT SIGNIFICANT THAT HAK STOPPED AT TOKYO EN ROUTE TO PEKING AND WILL TOUCH BASE THERE AGAIN ON WAY HOME. HAK'S IMAGE IN JAPAN "HAS NOT BEEN PARTICULARLY ATTRACTIVE," AND HE IS GOING OUT OF WAY TO REASSURE JAPANESE OF CONTINUING US COMMITMENT TO THEM.

TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL'S MUNRO, IN PEKING, CONCLUDES THAT TONE/SUBSTANCE OF CHIAO KUAN-HUA'S BANQUET WELCOMING SPEECH AND OF HAK'S RESPONSE REINFORCED GENERAL EXPECTATION NO SIGNIFICANT BREAKTHROUGH WILL BE MADE NOW OR DURING FORD'S VISIT (CSM).

CITING CURRENT DOMESTIC DEBATE ABOUT SIZE OF US DEFENSE BUDGET, CSM'S HARSCH ASSERTS REAL CONSIDERATIONS ARE PROBABLY FUTURE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PRC AND SOVIET. SEES LIKELIHOOD THAT WITH NEW GENERATION PRC LEADERSHIP, PLA WILL PUSH FOR CLOSER SINO-SOVIET TIES. ARGUES RESULTING UNBALANCE IN WORLD POWER STRUCTURE WOULD BE DANGEROUS, SO US MUST DO "ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO AVOID HAVING IT HAPPEN." BY BEING EQUALLY FRIENDLY TOWARD BOTH US SHOULD BE ABLE AVOID DRIVING THEM TOGETHER.

NYDN'S WIEGHART SAYS WOULD BE EASY, AS HAK AND TENG APPEARED TO DO, TO DISMISS IT AS MERE RHETORIC IN CONTINUING PEKING/MOSCOW BATTLE OF WORDS -- BUT CHIAO'S CALL FOR "TIT-FOR-TAT STRUGGLE" AGAINST SOVIET "HEGEMONISM" SHOULD NOT BE DISMISSED LIGHTLY, PARTICULARLY SINCE UNCLASSIFIED

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CHIAO LINKED SOVIET DETENTE DIPLOMACY DIRECTLY TO RUSSIANS' EXPANSIONIST DESIGNS. CHIAO'S WARNING IS SELF-SERVING THUS SUSPECT; HAK DESIRE REMAIN ON GOOD TERMS WITH BOTH COMMUNIST POWERS IS CLEARLY IN US BEST INTERESTS. HOWEVER, THERE IS OBVIOUS VALIDITY IN CHIAO'S WARNING THAT CANNOT BE IGNORED: SOVIETS HAVE OFTEN SHOWN DANGEROUS WILLINGNESS TO JEOPARDIZE GOOD RELATIONS WITH US FOR LIMITED, SHORT-TERM GAINS--IN SEA, PORTUGAL, ME-- AND HAVE DEMONSTRATED LITTLE WILLINGNESS MAKE KIND OF MEANINGFUL CONCESSIONS REQUIRED FOR PROGRESS ON SIGNIFICANT MATTERS. BY WAY OF CONTRAST, THERE APPEARS GROWING COMMUNITY OF INTEREST BETWEEN US AND PRC IN MANY PARTS OF WORLD. THUS, WOULD SEEM PROMISING DEVELOPMENT IF HAK

WOULD ATTEMPT MAKE FORD VISIT MORE THAN JUST CEREMONIAL OCCASION.

NYT'S SCHWARTZ SAYS POSSIBLE BOTH PRC AND SOVIET MAY HAVE NEW LEADERS IN NEAR FUTURE, AND DETAILS OF POWER STRUGGLES IN BOTH SO WELL HIDDEN THAT NO ONE IN WEST CAN DO MORE THAN GUESS ABOUT WHO NEW RULERS WILL BE. THIS IS WHY NEXT FEW YEARS IN WHICH HISTORIC SHIFT OF GENERATIONS TAKES PLACE IN PEKING AND MOSCOW ARE LIKELY BE PARTICULARLY WORRISOME.

RAND CORP'S MICHAEL PILLSBURY (LAT 10/19) SUGGESTS US CONSIDER EXPORT OF ADVANCED DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY TO PRC, PROVIDED IT ENHANCES THOSE CHINESE DEFENSE CAPABILITIES WE BELIEVE WILL HELP DETER SOVIET MIL PRESSURE, WITHOUT INCREASING PEKING'S OFFENSE CAPABILITIES WHICH THREATEN US' ASIA ALLIES; ALSO, PROVIDED SUCH TECHNOLOGY DOES NOT UNDULY ALARM SOVIET ABOUT US INTENTIONS AND THEREBY JEOPARDIZE US-SOVIET DETENTE.

CSM SUSPECTS PRC'S PRINCIPAL REASON FOR NOT NOW PRESSING TAIWAN QUESTION IS RELUCTANCE TO UPSET PRESIDENTIAL OFFICE OF MAN PURSUING NIXON-HAK FOREIGN POLICY. PRC OBSERVES TAIWAN GATHERING MORE SUPPORT IN US, AND IS AWARE FORD COULD HAVE TROUBLE IN CONGRESS IF ROC ABANDONED. BUT IF TAIWAN SETTLEMENT NOT NOW POSSIBLE, WHAT IS OBTAINABLE IS FORD JOURNEY TO PEKING AIMED AT KEEPING US RELATIONS WITH SOVIET AND PEKING IN EVENHANDED POSTURE. UNCLASSIFIED

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GLOBE'S ROBERT TAYLOR APPLAUDS SUNDAY PERFORMANCE OF TAIWAN ACROBATS IN BOSTON.

11. DIEGO GARCIA

LAT (10/19) FEATURES THREE LONG ARTICLES BY WM TUOHY ON US, SOVIET RESPONSES TO GROWING AWARENESS OF STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF INDIAN OCEAN, ACROSS WHICH MOVES 75 PERCENT OF WEUR'S AND 85 PERCENT OF JAPAN'S OIL. DESCRIBES SOVIET NAVAL BUILDUP, INCLUDING MISSILE-HANDLING BASE IN SOMALIA, WHICH DOD SURFACED TO SUPPORT REQUEST FOR FUNDS TO EXPAND DIEGO GARCIA AS SUPPLY BASE FOR US FORCES. NOTES MOST NAVAL STRATEGISTS BELIEVE INCREASING USE OF MEN-OF-WAR IN INDIAN OCEAN IS MORE POLITICAL THAN MILITARY. CITES US ANALYSTS WHO BELIEVE SOVIET DEPLOY SHIPS TO COUNTER US FORCES, KEEP EYE ON CHINA'S SOUTHERN FLANK, SOVIETS ALSO REALIZE INTERFERENCE WITH VITAL OIL LANES WOULD MEAN WAR.

NOTES CHINA QUIETLY INDICATED FAVORS US PRESENCE IN INDIAN OCEAN AS LONG AS SOVIET CONTINUED BUILD UP. CONCLUDES US WILL BE USING DIEGO GARCIA FOR SOME TIME

TO COME, WHATEVER CONGRESSIONAL, FOREIGN CRITICS THINK
OF USING INDIAN OCEAN ISLAND AS BASE.

,2. INDOCHINA

SUMMARY) IN FIRST OF 2 ARTICLES ON HANOI DECEPTION OF
US REPORTS WASHINGTON OFFICIALS MADE FINAL EVACUATION
PREPARATIONS ON BASIS INTELL REPORTS THAT NVN INTENDED
CAPTURE SAIGON, BUT ALSO GAVE SOME CREDENCE TO ASSURANCES
FROM HANOI VIA ICCS THAT CHANCE FOR ORDERLY WITHDRAWAL
WOULD BE GIVEN, IF NOT AS MUCH AS AMB MARTIN DID.
BRADSHER ASSERTS INTELL REPORTS SHOWED COMMUNISTS NEVER
INTENDED MAKE DEAL. SAYS WASHINGTON OFFICIALS, AMB MARTIN
WANTED BELIEVE ARRANGED ENDING WOULD HAPPEN, WITH AMB,
UNTIL FINAL AIR RAID "OPERATING AS IF THE WAR WERE ABOUT
TO HALT." WHEN TAN SON NHUT RAID HIT, MARTIN TOLD STAFF
THAT HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT WENT WRONG.

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BRADSHER NOTES LITTLE PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF WHAT HAPPENED,
OPINES THIS SUITS ADMIN. SAYS HALF-HEARTED CONGRESSIONAL
- ATTEMPTS PROBE LAST DAYS UP TO NOW FENDED OFF BY UNAVAILABI
OF MARTIN, WHO HAS BEEN ILL. COMMENTS OTHER OFFICIALS
WHO WERE AT SAIGON DURING LAST DAYS HAVE BEEN DISPERSED
TO OTHER JOBS, THOUGH "STRONG SUSPICION" EXISTS AMONG
MANY THAT HAK WANTED "SEPARATE THEM TO PREVENT TOO MUCH
COMPARING OF RECOLLECTIONS AND MUTTERINGS ABOUT THE WAY
THINGS WERE HANDLED."

STATES INTELL REPORT FROM COSVN SOURCE OUTLINING NVN
INTENTIONS NEGLECTED, PARTLY DUE TO MESSAGE ABOUT POSSIBLE
DEAL THAT HUNGARIAN, POLISH ICCS MEMBERS WERE WHISPERING
INTO US EARS. ASSERTS HUNGARIANS CAME TO BE BRIEFED
REGULARLY ON APRIL'S RAPID DEVELOPMENTS BY CIA STATION
CHIEF. MENTIONS FRENCH EMBASSY ALSO TOLD BY CONTACTS THAT
COMMUNISTS WILLING COMPROMISE TO END WAR.

BRADSHER CLAIMS SAIGON EVACUATION PLAN OUT OF DATE
SINCE MARTIN ALWAYS TOOK ATTITUDE THAT THIEU REGIME
"WOULD LAST INDEFINITELY," AND SUBORDINATES - MOST
OF THEM HAND-PICKED FOR LOYALTY RATHER THAN COMPETENCE -
WERE NOT PRESSED TO FOLLOW DOS REGS TO KEEP PLAN CURRENT.
CLAIMS MARTIN TOLD DOS THAT HAD NO PLAN TO EVACUATE
LOCAL VIET EMPLOYEES BECAUSE "TOO MANY OF THEM," AND
EVACUATION WOULD INDUCE PANIC AND MIGHT CAUSE THIEU TO
FALL; AT SAME TIME DEPUTY LEHMANN TOLD STAFF THAT PLANS
BEING MADE "TO TAKE CARE OF ... HIGH-RISK EMPLOYEES."
REPORTS SECSTATE CABLED MARTIN SAYING ANSWER INADEQUATE,
UNDER CONGRESSIONAL PRESSURE ASKED AMB SPEED UP EVACUATION
TO REACH MANAGEABLE NUMBER THAT COPTERS COULD TAKE OUT.

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BRADSHER COMMENTS EVALUATION IN WASHINGTON COMPLEX, WITH DAILY MEETING CHAIRMANED BY HABIB TO TRY MAKE PLANS ATTENDED BY DOS, NSC, CIA, DOD, OTHERS; BUT OVERWHELMED BY MASS CONFLICTING, CONFUSING REPORTS. NOTES THAT 5-DAY LULL FOLLOWING THIEU'S RESIGNATION SEEMED SUBSTANTIATE HUNG, POLISH MESSAGE OF EVACUATION TRUCE.

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IN SECOND ARTICLE (WSTAR 10/20), BRADSHER QUOTES HAK APRIL 21 STATEMENT THAT ADMIN SEEKING "CONTROLLED SITUATION" FOR NEGOTIATED END TO WAR, WITH "VARIOUS NEGOTIATING EFFORTS" GOING ON THAT WOULD BE "INAPPROPRIATE ... TO DISCUSS...AT THIS MOMENT." NOTES REPORTS THAT RADAR BEING POSITIONED BY NVN TO GUIDE WARPLANES TO HIT SAIGON TRIGGERED DIVERSION USN SHIPS TO EVACUATION DUTY OFF SVN, BUT DID NOT CONVINCE MARTIN OR SENIOR WASHINGTON OFFICIALS THAT HUNG-POL TALK OF ORDERLY END WERE FALSE. NEGOTIATING POSSIBILITY CLOSELY HELD BY PRES, FEW OFFICIALS AROUND SECSTATE AS HAK APPARENTLY HOPED PULL OFF "DIPLOMATIC MIRACLE" OUT OF HOPELESS-LOOKING SITUATION. BRADSHER STATES SECSTATE DECIDED ASK USSR TO LEARN FROM HANOI WHAT COMMUNIST INTENTIONS WERE; QUOTES "SEVERAL SENIOR OFFICIALS" THAT SOVIET REPLY AMBIGUOUS. SAYS SOME LOWER OFFICIALS BELIEVE MOSCOW WAS PARTY TO DECEIT OF GETTING US BELIEVE COULD GET OUT OF VN SMOOTHLY; NOTES OTHER OFFICIALS REFUSE ACCEPT THIS, SUGGEST SOVIETS KEPT IN DARK BY VIETS.

SAYS SOME MIL SOURCES THINK 5-DAY LULL WAS MAINLY PREPARATORY PERIOD FOR NVA; ANALYSTS IGNORED ABSENCE FURTHER REFERENCES IN COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA TO CARRYING OUT C-F PROVISIONS, REASONED COMMUNISTS WANTED CLAIM TO LEGITIMACY, POSSIBLE US RECONSTRUCTION AID. POINTS OUT EVENTS REINFORCED HUNG-POL MESSAGE, CREATED CONVICTION IN AMB MARTIN THAT DEAL BEING STRUCK. ASSERTS ON APR 24 LEHMANN PHONED WIFE AT BANGKOK, ASKED HER RETURN TO SAIGON WITH SUPPLIES BECAUSE DEAL MADE. NOTES WH ORDERED US PERSONNEL REDUCED AT THAT TIME, BUT EMBASSY "OPERATING ON ITS OWN INTERPRETATIONS," WITH WISHFUL THINKING AFFECTING ANALYSIS OF SITUATION.

BRADSHER OPINES HAK'S BELIEF SITUATION HAD CHANGED SHOWED LAG IN US PERCEPTIONS. POINTS OUT DOD'S VON MARBOD HAD GONE SECRETLY TO SVN TO TRY GET BACK AS MUCH US AID SUPPLIES AS POSSIBLE BEFORE COMMUNIST CAPTURE; BUT AFTER "BEING SHOT OUT OF BIEN HOA," HE WAS TOLD BY MARTIN THAT UNNECESSARY TAKE CHANCES BECAUSE SOON WOULD BE HALT IN FIGHTING TO ALLOW EVACUATION PERSONNEL, SUPPLIES. THEN "PANIC PEAKED" WHEN BARRAGE HIT TAN SON NHUT; MARTIN FOUND THIS HARD TO BELIEVE. BARRAGE

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LED TO PRES' ORDERING COPTER EVACUATION BUT MARTIN
STRUNG IT OUT AS LONG AS POSSIBLE."

QUOTES PERSONS WHO ATTENDED CRISIS MEETINGS IN
WASHINGTON THAT HABIB, OTHERS MADE "VERY CRITICAL
COMMENTS ABOUT MARTIN," REFLECTING DISTRESS OF EMBASSY
PERSONNEL ABOUT LAG ARRANGING FOR SAFETY OF VIETS.
OPINES DEGREE TO WHICH MARTIN BEING LED ASTRAY BY
HUNGS, POLES AS WELL AS OWN WISHFUL THINKING "WAS NEVER
PROPERLY APPRECIATED."

BRADSHER RECORDS EVENTS OF APR 30 AFTER LAST US COPTER
LEFT, LEADING TO UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER MINH GOVT.
SAYS 2 CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES SUBMITTED LETTERS TO
DOS ASKING MARTIN TESTIFY ABOUT LAST DAYS, BUT TOLD ORALLY
THAT MARTIN COULD NOT APPEAR BECAUSE OF ILLNESS. STATES
MARTIN DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITAL ALMOST 2 WKS AGO AND
IS ON LEAVE BUT "HAUNTING" DOS ASKING WHEN WILL BE GIVEN
NEW AMBASSADORIAL POSTING. SAYS WH HAS NOT DECIDED
WHAT TO DO WITH HIM; SENIOR OFFICIALS WANT AVOID
REOPENING "SAIGON SORE," DOUBT MARTIN'S NAME WILL EVER
BE PUT BEFORE SFRC FOR ANOTHER APPOINTMENT TO AMBASSADOR.
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